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SUBJECT: ISRAELI DRILLING IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: CAIRO 9862

1. DAVID WILKIE, GUPCO GENERAL MANAGER HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT ISRAELI RIG WHICH WAS POSITIONED EAST OF RAMADAN FIELD IN GULF OF SUEZ HAS NOW BEEN SIGHTED AT LOCATION JUST EAST OF AMOCO'S 382.1 WELL, BUT INSIDE FORMER ITALIAN CONCESSION OFF RAS GARRA. RIG IS CLOSE TO EXISTING GARRA ONE PLATFORM, ACCORDING WILKIE. APPROXIMATE COORDINATES ARE:

LAT. 27 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 10 SECONDS

LONG. 33 DEGREES, 43 MINUTES 0 SECONDS.

WILKIE EXPLAINED THAT WEATHER IN GULF HAS BEEN VERY BAD PAST WEEK. ISRAELIS EVIDENTLY MOVED RIG SOUTH ON JUNE 15 BUT DID NOT SIMULTANEOUSLY MOVE WORK PLATFORM ASSOCIATED WITH IT. THROUGH FOG AND WIND, MOVEMENT OF RIG WAS NOT READILY APPARENT, WORK PLATFORM STILL AT NORTHERN LOCATION BUT IT PRESUMABLY WILL BE MOVING IN DUE COURSE.

2. WILKIE SOMEWHAT UPSET AT LATE RECEIPT OF INFORMATION. EGYPTIANS CENSORED TRANSMISSION OF NEWS ON VOICE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RAS SHUKAIR AND CAIRO NECESSITATING WRITTEN COMMUNICATION.

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3. FYI. GUPCO IS AMOCO/EGYPTIAN GENERAL PETROLEUM COMPANY OPERATING ENTITY AT RAS SHUKAIR. END FYI.

4. COMMENT. AMOCO, OF COURSE, MUCH LESS CONCERNED ABOUT POSITION OF RIG IN FORMER ITALIAN CONCESSION; BUT IS PUZZLED BY NEW LOCATION. POSSIBILITY STILL REMAINS THAT CURRENT POSITION WILL NOT BE PERMANENT; WE WILL KNOW MORE

WHEN WORK PLATFORM MAKES ITS MOVE.

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